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# 2015 Northwest Region Honey Production down 5 percent from 2014

Idaho's 2015 honey production, at 2.85 million pounds, was 16 percent lower than 2014. There were 89,000 honey producing colonies, 11,000 less than the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 32.0 pounds compared with 34.0 pounds per colony in 2014. Idaho's value of honey production, at \$5.47 million, was 21 percent lower than 2014.

Oregon's 2015 honey production, at 2.70 million pounds, was 5 percent lower than 2014. There were 71,000 honey producing colonies, unchanged from the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 38.0 pounds compared with 40.0 pounds per colony in 2014. Oregon's value of honey production, at \$6.80 million, was 9 percent higher than 2014.

Washington's 2015 honey production, at 3.21 million pounds, was 7 percent higher than 2014. There were 73,000 honey producing colonies, 5,000 more than the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 44.0 pounds, unchanged from 2014. Washington's value of honey production, at \$5.27 million, was 33 percent lower than 2014.

United States honey production in 2015 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 157 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2014. United States honey production in 2015 from producers with less than five colonies totaled 720 thousand pounds from 23 thousand colonies.

# Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value — Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and United States: 2014 and 2015

[Producers with 5 or more colonies that also qualify as a farm. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State]

	Honey producing colonies <sup>1</sup>	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks December 15 <sup>2</sup>	Average price per pound <sup>3</sup>	Value of production <sup>4</sup>
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(1,000 dollars)
Idaho						
2014	100	34	3,400	850	203	6,902
2015	89	32	2,848	1,082	192	5,468
Oregon						
2014	71	40	2,840	767	220	6,248
2015	71	38	2,698	809	252	6,799
Washington						
2014	68	44	2,992	1,167	261	7,809
2015	73	44	3,212	1,221	164	5,268
Other States 5 6						
2014	31	45	1,404	202	367	5,153
2015	30	39	1,168	371	503	5,875
United States 6 7						
2014	2,740	65.1	178,270	41,192	217.3	387,381
2015	2,660	58.9	156,544	42,203	209.0	327,177

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

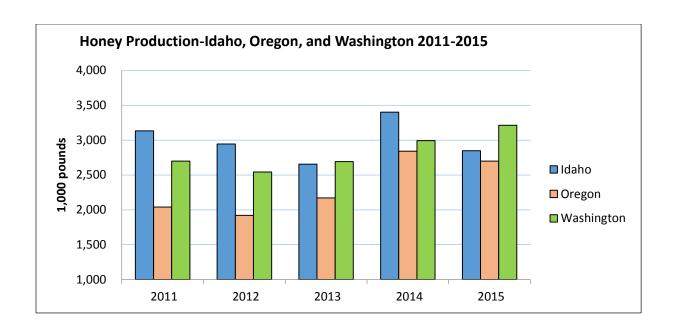
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

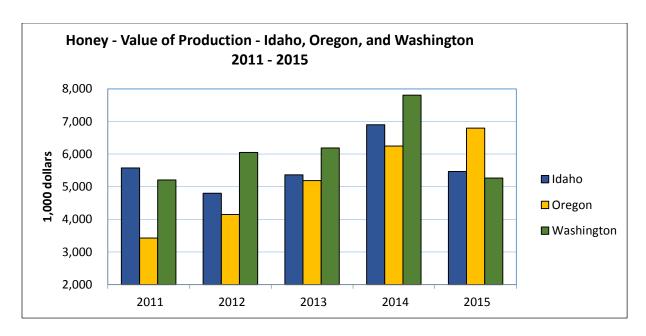
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Rhode Island not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> United States value of production will not equal summation of States.





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